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EL SALVADOR: DUARTE ON ARMED FORCES' SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS

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((TEXT)) THE ARMED FORCES SUPPORTED THE REGOTIATIONS FOR OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF INES GUADALUPE DUARTE AND ANA CECILIA VILLEDA AT ALL TIMES, ((PRESIDENT -- FBIS)) JOSE HAPOLEON DUARTE SAID 2 HIGHTS AGO ON TELEVISION WHEN EXPLAINING THE OUTCOME OF HIS DAUGHTER'S KIDNAPPING.

DUARTE WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING IN THIS MANNER TO THE CRITICISH MADE BY VARIOUS POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL SECTORS CONCERNING THE MEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH THEY INSIST THAT A NEFARIOUS PRECEDENT HAS BEEN SET FOR SALVADORAN LEGISLATION, BECAUSE WHEN THE TERRORISTS WERE RELEASED, THIS WAS DONE ONLY "FOLLOWING SUPERIOR ORDER" WITHOUT ANY COURT DECISION.

FURTHERMORE, DUARTE SPOKE ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE TERRORISTS, BUT DID NOT SPEAK OF THE EFFORTS HIS GOVERNHENT COULD MAKE ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL FISHERMEN IMPRISONED IN NICARAGUA, CHARGED WITH "SPYING" IN THE GULF OF FORSECA; OR OF THE SALVADORANS IMPRISONED IN COSTA RICA, OF THE ONES IMPRISONED IN MEXICO FOR FLEEING FROM THE SALVADORAN VIOLENCE, OR OF THE THOUSANDS OF FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WHO ARE IMPRISONED IN CALIFORNIA, U.S.A. DUARTE DID NOT REMEMBER THEM, BUT HE DID ASK FOR THE RELEASE OF MERCENARY JULIO ROMERO TALAVERA, CAPTURED IN JANUARY 1951 WHEN HIS PLANE WAS CARRYING WEAPONS FOR THE TERRORISTS.

THE MERCENARY ROMERO TALAVERA WAS RECEIVED "WITH HONORS IN COSTA RICA, HIS NOME COUNTRY, WHERE MANY SALVAGORANS ARE IMPRISONED AND NOBODY REMEMBERS THEM," A BUSINESSMAN SAID YESTERDAY.

MEANWHILE, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE RELEASED TERRORISTS LEFT YESTERDAY MORNING FOR CUBA AND MEXICO, COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BECOME "THE SANCTUARY" OF SUBVERSION WITHOUT ANYBODY PROTESTING THIS.

THOSE WHO ARRIVED IN CUBA WERE LED BY NIDIA DIAZ AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

THE BIG QUESTION YESTERDAY AMONG THE JURIDICAL CIRCLES IN EL SALVADOR WAS: "WHERE IS THE AUTHORITY OF OUR PRESIDENT?" AMOTHER QUESTION WAS: NOW CAN PRESIDENT DUARTE EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THAT LAW PREVAILS IN THIS COUNTRY?

IN OTHER WORDS, DOUBLS ARE ARISING AMONG THE VARIOUS CIRCLES, BECAUSE NOW WHEN A TERRORIST GROUP HAS SOME OF ITS PEOPLE IMPRISONED, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS KIDNAP A RELATIVE "OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HIERARCHY" AND OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE REGARDLESS OF THE

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BLOODSHED OF OUR SOLDIERS WHO MADE THEIR SACRIFICES ON THE BATTLEFIELDS DEFENDING WHAT LITTLE DEMOCRACY WE HAVE LEFT, A LAWYER,

SAID. (ENDALL) 26 OCT

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